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VI.—PRESENTATION OF THE SEVENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES.

3-30 p.m. DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIAR : Mr. Chairman, I beg to present to the House the Seventh Report of the Committee on Government Assurances. Hon. Members have been supplied with a copy of this Report and there is very little for me to add except to draw or invite their attention to paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Report. In paragraph 8, the Committee took a little serious note that in the replies that were given by Secretaries of Departments and Departments in general, it was added that the replies might be treated as concluding the whole of the assurances given. The Committee felt that it was not for the Secretariat to decide whether an assurance was fulfilled, and that if it were so, there was no necessity for a Committee on Assurances to sit and consider this question. The Committee, therefore, resolved to observe that in future it might be left to the Committee to conclude whether an assurance had been fully implemented or not.

The other thing to which I would like to invite the attention of the House—I hope such an invitation would not be necessary in future—is paragraph 9 of the Report. There are still a large number of assurances in respect of which no replies have been received. Some of the assurances date as far back as 1955-56 and hon. Members will easily realize that there is no object in giving any assurances if the implementation of those assurances is to be deferred. Since the persons who gave the assurances may or may not be sitting on the Treasury Bench, once again the Committee have thought it proper to suggest that the implementation of the assurances must be a matter of some concern to the departments concerned. Even though final implementation may not be possible, at least an interim reply ought to be given so that the Committee may know exactly at what stage the assurances stand. With these remarks, I beg to present the Report to this House.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The House will now adjourn and meet again at 3 p.m. on Friday, the 18th March 1960.

The House then adjourned.

VII.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

* 247. *Notification issued with G.O. No. 2182, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 29th December 1959, appointing 1st January 1960 as the date on which all the provisions of the Madras Panchayats Act, 1958, shall come into force in the areas of the State of Madras except the Kanyakumari district and the Shencottah taluk of the Tirunelveli district.*

* 248 *to* 254. *Notifications issued with G.O. No. 41, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 11th January* 1960, *G.O. No. 46, Rural Development and Local Administration,*

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dated 11th January 1960, G.O. No. 42, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 11th January 1960, G.O. No. 48, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 11th January 1960, G.O. No. 45, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 11th January 1960, G.O. No. 50, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 11th January 1960 and G.O. No. 53, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 11th January 1960, relating to the constitution of Panchayat Unions in the North Vellore, East Coimbatore, South Vellore, North Madurai, Chingleput, Nilgiris and North Salem Development districts respectively.

* 255 to 258. *Notifications issued with G.O. No. 54, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 11th January 1960, G.O. No. 55, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 11th January 1960, G.O. No. 56, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 11th January 1960, and G.O. No. 57, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 11th January 1960, relating to the constitution of Panchayat Unions in the South Salem, East Thanjavur, West Thanjavur and North Tiruchirappalli Development districts respectively.*

† 259. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No. 4308, Industries, Labour and Co-operation (Co-operation), dated 6th November 1959, relating to the amendment of rule XIV (2) of the rules made under the Madras Co-operative Societies Act, 1932.*

† 260. *Notification issued with G.O. No. 2192, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 30th December 1959, regarding extension of term of office of the members of the Othakadai Panchayat, Madurai district, up to 29th February 1960.*

† 261. *Notification issued with G.O. No. 2083, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 10th December 1959, regarding amendment to the rules relating to the choosing by Presidents of Panchayats of a member to the District Development Councils.*

† 262 and 263. *Notifications issued with G.O. No. 43, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 11th January 1960, and G.O. No. 58, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 11th January 1960, relating to the constitution of Panchayat Unions in the North Cuddalore and South Tiruchirappalli Development districts respectively.*

‡ 264. *Notification issued with G.O. No. 70, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 11th January 1960, regarding withdrawal of powers of Government from the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils and delegation to Collectors under the Madras Village Panchayats Act, 1950.*

‡ 265. *Notification issued with G.O. No. 75, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 12th January 1960, regarding appointment of the Development Commissioner, Additional Development Commissioner and the Collector of the district concerned as Inspector to exercise the powers and perform duties of the Inspector in respect of the matters referred to in the Annexure to the Order.*

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‡ 266. *Notification issued with G.O. No. 72, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 12th January 1960, regarding reconstitution of Advisory Committees appointed to advise Special Officers of District Boards.*

‡ 267. *Notification issued with G.O. No. 59, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 11th January 1960, relating to the constitution of Panchayat Unions in the North Tirunelveli Development district.*

§ 268 to 271. *Notifications issued with G.O. No. 47, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 11th January 1960, G.O. No. 51, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 11th January 1960, G.O. No. 60, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 11th January 1960, and G.O. No. 52, Rural Development and Local Administration, dated 11th January 1960, relating to the constitution of Panchayat Unions in the West Coimbatore, East Ramanathapuram, South Tirunelveli and West Ramanathapuram Development districts respectively.*

§ 272. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No. 3806, Revenue, dated 17th December 1959, regarding amendments to rule 7 of the Madras Sales of Motor Spirit Taxation Rules, 1939.*

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* Sent by post to all M.L.Cs. on 26th February 1960.
† Sent by post to all M.L.Cs. on 29th February 1960.
‡ Sent by post to all M.L.Cs. on 1st March 1960.
§ Sent by post to all M.L.Cs. on 2nd March 1960.